



# CATAWBA COUNTY

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## **Catawba County Public Health Offers H1N1 Vaccine to the General Public**

After receiving regular shipments of the H1N1 vaccine and vaccinating many of the target groups recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, Catawba County Public Health is now accepting H1N1 vaccine appointments for the general public. H1N1 vaccinations are free of charge.

Since the beginning of October, over 30,500 doses of the H1N1 vaccine have been received and distributed through a network of over 70 local medical providers, pharmacies, hospitals and Public Health.

People in the CDC's recommended target groups are still strongly encouraged to get the vaccine.

The five target groups are:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or provide care for infants younger than 6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and day care providers)
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel
- People 6 months through 24 years of age
- People 25 years through 64 years of age who have certain medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications. Chronic medical conditions include asthma, neurological and neurodevelopmental conditions, chronic lung disease, heart disease, blood disease (such as sickle cell anemia), diabetes, kidney disorder, liver disorder, and those who have a weakened immune system due to disease or medication such as cancer, HIV and AIDS.

Seasonal flu vaccine is also available free of charge to children ages 6 months to 18 years of age by appointment.

For more information on the H1N1 vaccine, seasonal flu vaccine or to make an appointment, please call Catawba County Public Health at 828-695-5800 or visit [www.catawbacountync.gov/phealth](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/phealth).

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